



Help Feed Hungry Kids

Food that's in, when school's out



Hunger doesn't take a vacation!

The Summer Food Service Program needs you!

WE WANT YOU AS A SPONSOR!



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Feed Hungry Kids Nutritious Summer Meals

WHAT IS THE SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM?

The Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) is a federally funded program that reimburses agencies for providing free, nutritious meals and snacks to children 18 years of age and younger in low-income areas when children are on school vacation for 15 days or more, or in a school that is off-track for an extended period of time.

- Sponsors may claim up to two meals or two snacks, or one meal and one snack per day.
- Some camps may claim three meals each day.
- The SFSP also allows non-school agencies to serve snacks to children after school.

WHAT TYPES OF AGENCIES MAY SPONSOR THE SFSP?

- Public or private nonprofit schools
- Public or private nonprofit residential camps
- Local, county, state, or federal government entities
- Indian Tribal Governments
- Public or private nonprofit agencies located on college campuses
- Private nonprofit agencies such as food banks, boys and girls clubs, churches, etc.



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HOW DOES THE SFSP BENEFIT CHILDREN?

When children are out of school, they need a safe place to socialize, learn, and have something to eat.

- California law requires schools to make meals available to low income students. When school is out, children often miss these nutritious meals. A well-balanced diet is important to a child's growth and well being.
- The SFSP provides children with a nutritious meal during their school vacation or off-track period, and helps them return to school ready to learn and succeed.



HOW DOES THE SFSP AFFECT A CHILD'S PARTICIPATION IN OTHER ACTIVITIES?

- Agencies often use the SFSP to increase attendance at after school or summer enrichment programs, and in youth recreational and social activities.
- It often is used in conjunction with teenage job training programs and in providing employment for food service workers who may not be working during the summer months.



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WHAT FOODS CAN BE SERVED?

The meals provided must contain foods from the following food groups:

- Milk
- Fruits, Vegetables, or Juice
- Grain products (cereal, muffins, etc.)
- Meat/meat alternates (ground turkey, eggs, cheese, beans, etc.).

The quantity of each item being served depends on the meal type; breakfast, lunch, dinner, or snack.





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HOW DOES THE REIMBURSEMENT WORK?

After the month meals were served, the sponsor has 60 days to submit a claim for reimbursement. Submitting claims is an online process. After submitting a claim, it takes approximately four weeks to receive reimbursement.

Sponsors will receive a flat reimbursement rate for each meal served that is approved in the online application.

For example:

- Lunch reimbursement rate is \$3.545
- 1,000 lunches served in June x \$3.545 = \$3,545 reimbursed

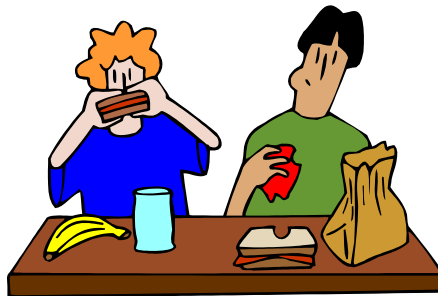




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WHAT TYPES OF SITES CAN AN AGENCY OPERATE?

1. **Open Site** – An agency may establish an SFSP meal site if the site is located in the attendance area of a school in which at least 50 percent of the enrolled children are eligible for free and reduced-priced school meals. This is called area eligibility, which can be determined by using census data, information from zoning commissions, welfare departments, or other approved sources.
2. **Closed-Enrolled Site** – An agency may provide SFSP meals in any community for a group of enrolled children when the site is located in the attendance area of a school in which at least 50 percent of the enrolled children are eligible to receive free or reduced-priced School meals. Validating eligibility for a site may be accomplished by using area eligibility or collecting income applications and determining each child's eligibility.
3. **Day Camp and Residential Camp** – An agency may serve SFSP meals in a camp community for an enrolled group of children, but can only claim meals served to children who qualify for free or reduced-priced school meals.



Children Are Hungry After School!

WANT TO SERVE SNACKS AFTER SCHOOL?

Non-school sponsors may now serve a nutritious snack to children after school during the regular school year or when school is on-track.



Children can take advantage of this nutritious snack during the school year (not just during summer vacation), even if they are not involved in an after school educational or enrichment activity.

- Many sponsors provide snacks at boys and girls clubs, city or county park sites, churches, other youth activity centers, and other locations where children may congregate.
- Summer sponsors can continue serving after school snacks during the school year at their summer sites or other locations. This makes for an easy transition from summer meals to serving snacks after school.

Seamless Summer Feeding Option

SCHOOLS CAN BE ON THE SFSP, BUT THEY ALSO HAVE ANOTHER OPTION!

Sponsors that participate in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) can also serve meals through the Seamless Summer Feeding Option (SSFO).

- The SSFO allows sponsors to use the free reimbursement rate used during the regular school year.

Sponsors may obtain additional information regarding the SSFO at the NSLP Web site at:

<http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/nu/sn/>





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IS TRAINING AVAILABLE?

Yes, each spring the California Department of Education (CDE) provides training to all agencies planning to participate in the SFSP. New applicants also receive a pre-approval visit that includes one-on-one training.

Visit the SFSP Web site at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/nu/sf/sfspinfo.asp> for details.

HOW TO APPLY?

Contact the CDE before April 15 for a description of the application process.

By phone at: 1-800-952-5609

By e-mail at: sfsp@cde.ca.gov

If you have any questions, or would like to be added to the SFSP application and training list, contact one of the SFSP Unit staff below.



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HUNGER AFFECTS A CHILD'S ABILITY TO BE POSITIVE, LEARN, GROW, AND SOCIALIZE.



HELP STIMULATE CHILDREN IN A POSITIVE WAY WITH HEALTHY, NUTRITIOUS MEALS!



Climb on board and help Feed Young, Healthy Minds!



**The Summer Food Service Program,
it's for the kids!**

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